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May 18, 1989

Frank D. Wicks
Vice President and General Manager
Barrick Mercur Gold Mine
P.O. Box 838
Tooele, Utah 84074

RE: Tailings Pond - Saddle Dam Seepage
Investigation

Dear Mr. Wicks:

We were informed by your staff on May 17, 1989 that exploratory trenches have been cut near the toe of the saddle dam; and that these trenches have encountered more seepage which is chemically similar to water held in the tailings pond. We also understand that these trenches have already been backfilled.

In the interest of cooperation regarding your planned and ongoing studies of this problem, we request that you coordinate future exploratory work, including trenching and drilling, with our staff; so that we may investigate and sample any seepage encountered. Please coordinate these efforts with Charlie Dietz or Loren Morton at 538-6146.

Sincerely,

Don A. Ostler, Director
Bureau of Water Pollution Control

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